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In re the Application of
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~~Hatteras Hammocks, Inc.~~

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For: Forked Hammock Stand

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AMENDMENT

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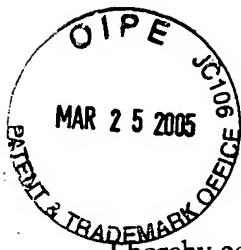
Responsive to the Office Action of January 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified application by deleting the claims as filed and inserting in their place new claims 6 through 10. All claims and their status are presented in the attached hereto.

REMARKS

The redrafted claims presented here correct the Claim Objections raised on page 2 of the Office Action.

There are significant differences from the present invention over the cited prior art. The Charlop Pat. 2353220 is the closest reference; but it is patentably distinct.

Although Charlop illustrates a hammock attached at multiple points along a lateral support device (item 59 of fig 14), this device is attached to a stand at a single,



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